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Plutonium Stock Gives Japan Nuclear Lever

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service TOKYO—No country in the world has turned so profoundly a nuclear ally as Japan, where virtually every schoolchild takes the stomach-melting tour of the atomic-bomb museum in Hiroshima, and the government has repeated time and again its commitment never to build or possess nuclear weapons.

as fuel for an experimental generation of civilian reactors, and even the harshest critics of the shipments—environmentalists and governments that have barred the cargo from their territorial waters—do not doubt its assertion that its desire is to create new sources of energy.

Japan, they say, has a perfect record of allowing inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency to monitor its use of nuclear materials and has led world efforts to fight nuclear proliferation.

Some seem to fear that Japan may use tracked across the ocean by American spy satellites and accompanied by a lightly armed Japanese Coast Guard vessel.

France Under Pressure, Notably From Germans, To Compromise on Trade

EC Foreign Ministers Seek to Reopen Talks

Industrialists Appeal For Kohl to Intervene

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune PARIS—Amid signs of a widening breach between France and Germany over Europe's trade dispute with the United States, European Community foreign ministers agreed Monday to seek reconciliation with Washington but also to go ahead quietly with plans for retaliation if necessary.

FRANKFURT—Two leading German industrial groups on Monday accused France and Jacques Delors, the French president of the EC Commission, of blocking an agreement on the liberalization of world trade, and called on the German government to pressure France to compromise.

Clinton Wants 'the Brightest People'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas—President-elect Bill Clinton said Monday that he wanted to use his presidential inaugural meeting of business executives and economists to bring together "some of the brightest people in the country" to discuss the gravity of the problem and possible solutions.



President-elect Bill Clinton and a Secret Service agent jogging in Little Rock on Monday before he began his day's work: the transition.

There are a lot of very troubling signs in the economy, and I think this is what the election was all about," Mr. Clinton said as he left the state capitol after a morning full of meetings.

Hong Kong Businessmen Confront Patten

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herald Tribune HONG KONG—Governor Chris Patten faced a potentially serious challenge on Monday to his plan to increase democracy when a prominent business group registered its opposition to his proposals and demanded that he seek an accommodation with China.

relations with Beijing and created uncertainty about the colony's return to China in 1997.

several pro-business candidates. "In arguing against more democracy, they represent only themselves," he added.

By contrast, a French official accused Washington of resorting to "vigorous, if not brutal" tactics in the EC-U.S. dispute that has emerged as the latest major obstacle to a sweeping agreement to liberalize global trade.

Economic Withering Takes the Bloom off Russia's Artistic Renaissance

By John Rockwell New York Times Service MOSCOW—The collapse of communism and the Soviet empire awakened widespread hopes that the arts in Russia, so long repressed, might suddenly blossom into a new golden age.

ment museums, theaters and conservatories, the glories of the Soviet system, that had the greatest obstacles to overcome.

forming groups capitalizing on known artistic brand names or cobbed together for the sole purpose of earning hard currency, becomes dizzying in its confusion.

The drain began before the relaxation of Soviet rigor by Mikhail S. Gorbachev, with dissidents, star soloists and rank-and-file dancers and orchestral musicians. Some emigrated to Israel.

Most museums still refuse to "deaccession"—to sell off their assets—but they happily diminish their collections by sending them on long tours with precious little in the way of exchange exhibitions from the West.

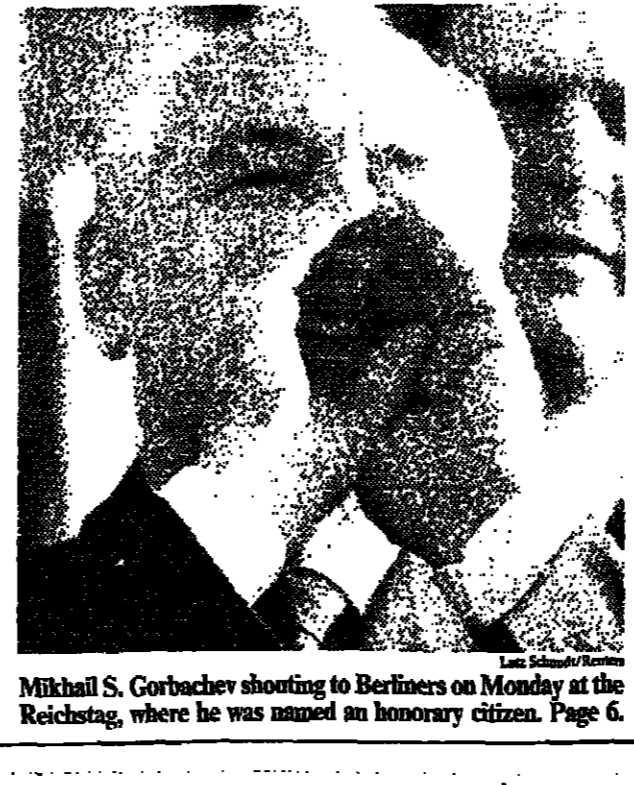
Can a Pussycat Make It in Washington?

By Laura Blumenfeld Washington Post Service WASHINGTON—Socks, the first cat-elect, soon will be slinking through the Blue Room, pawing over documents on the president's desk, perhaps even pouncing out to greet the commander in chief when he steps off Air Force One.

He does not do any tricks, except make Bill and Hillary sneeze.

Nial Kelly, author of "Presidential Pets." Mr. Kelly says that only two presidents have had cats since 1932, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, "and that's not an encouraging sign."

White House pets were not always a two-party ticket. William Howard Taft kept a Holstein cow, Andrew Johnson cared for a family of mice, Woodrow Wilson kept sheep, Theodore Roosevelt adopted ferrets and a kangaroo.



Mikhail S. Gorbachev shooting to Berliners on Monday at the Reichstag, where he was named an honorary citizen. Page 6.

Kiosk Air Canada Group Wins Bid To Buy Continental Airlines

Air Canada and two Texas investors won a bidding war for Continental Airlines with a \$450 million offer. The deal could allow Continental to emerge from bankruptcy protection early next year.

Table with financial data including Dow Jones, Trib Index, The Dollar, and Crossword Weather.

VOTE '92 / DEALING WITH HOPE

Delicate Necessity for Clinton: Lowering Public Expectations

By Michael Kelly
New York Times Service

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — As President-elect Bill Clinton begins the transition from campaigning to governing, his overarching concern is to cope with the emotion he has stirred, hope.

A volatile expectation colors everything about the beginning of the Clinton years. Against accepted political wisdom and the currents of an angry year, Mr. Clinton's presidential campaign seemed to revive at least a limited belief that Washington can actually do something good for people.

Now, Mr. Clinton and his strategists face the tricky task of bringing the grandly hopeful promises of his campaign into line with the grimly difficult realities of government: a huge federal deficit, a highly taxed public, a Congress determined to hold onto its own share of power and the factionalization of politics by pressure groups.

The incalculable of a vast and passionate hope (the word, uttered every few seconds in Clinton circles, seems to come out capitalized) was at the core of the Clinton electoral strategy, a plan based on the idea that people eager for change would vote for him if their hopes could be made to rise above the level of their trepidations.

Postelection polls indicate the strategy's success: an overwhelming percentage of the voters who chose Mr. Clinton did so not just to remove President George Bush from office, but also in the belief that the new president, as he had promised, would improve their lives. Among other things, Mr. Clinton promised to end working-class poverty, to change welfare, to provide health care for everyone and to eliminate illiteracy.

Publicly, his advisers describe

the national expectation level as a great opportunity. Privately, some of them regard it with worry as well. Hope got Mr. Clinton elected, they figure, and will be the crucial weapon of the first hundred days of his administration, a stick with which to beat the recalcitrant and critical forces of Congress, the permanent bureaucracy and the press. But hope expects success, and deferred, soars with nearly the violence of spurned love.

To retain the political promise of hope while minimizing its peril, the president-elect and his strategists are beginning to chart a course of contrary impulses. Mr. Clinton voiced the dual nature of this approach in his first official statement of presidential intent, a speech delivered the day after his election.

"We have entered a period of great challenge and extraordinary opportunity for our nation," Mr. Clinton said. But the closing passage of his brief speech sounded a note of shared sacrifice, a signal that greatness would not be achieved without pain.

"America has called on me to be our next president," Mr. Clinton said. "But our forebears call on all of us at this moment to honor their efforts, their sacrifices, their ideals and their lives by working hard and working together to improve this good and great nation as much for our children and our children's children as those who preceded us did for us."

Asked how much patience the American public might have with the Clinton administration as it sets out to fulfill its promise, Eli Segal, Mr. Clinton's campaign chief of staff, had a succinct answer: "Not much."

And so, this week, the low-balling began.

"The expectation is not that he

will solve everything in a hundred days, but that he will address the problems seriously, and begin the process of working toward solutions," said Mandy Grunwald, one of Mr. Clinton's chief image and media consultants.

Bruce Reed, Mr. Clinton's issues adviser, said: "The governor never promised that government could solve every problem; he just promised it was time that leaders start trying. As he has said over and over, we didn't get into this mess overnight and we won't get out of it overnight."

Possible means of furthering this point are under discussion within the wide circle of Mr. Clinton's advisers. A strategy pushed by one economic adviser calls for him to address the nation in a televised "national audit," in which he would, in Ross Perot style, grimly lay out economic realities.

A Clinton campaign official cautioned that neither this idea nor any other specific plan had yet been brought to Mr. Clinton's attention. But the essence of the ideas is clearly in line with the desires of a number of his policy advisers.

The need for reducing hope to a manageable level arises directly from the oratory that helped elect Mr. Clinton. The Democratic candidate, in the course of the campaign and especially toward its conclusion, did often make the point that positive change could come only with shared responsibility and that it would not be easy to achieve. But he also spoke, and more often, in promises that were breathtaking in their ambition.

He said he would end welfare "as we know it." He would restore America's industrial manufacturing base so that good, high-paying



Mr. Clinton climbing a fence to return to the governor's mansion in Little Rock after he went jogging.

jobs are widespread. He would ensure that no working family would fall below the poverty line. And he would make "health care a right, not a privilege," for all Americans without subjecting businesses to an additional tax burden or rationing health care.

He promised to eliminate adult illiteracy in five years, to halve the U.S. deficit in four years without raising taxes on the middle class or significantly cutting the government entitlement programs that account for the bulk of federal spending, while offering a modest tax break to the middle class.

He said he would guarantee all Americans either a college education or two years of vocational training after high school, under the guidance of a national service program that would "solve the problems of this country while educating a generation of Americans."

Mr. Clinton pledged to keep abortion legal while "making it as rare as possible," to end racial, religious, geographical and sex-oriented divisions in society, safeguard environmental concerns without costing jobs and protect the rights and privileges of workers without costing business growth.

It is the hope of Mr. Clinton's advisers that he will be able to cope with both the heightened hopes of the public at large and the deferred expectations of Democratic interest groups through the great skill of promoting himself and his ideas through the mass media that he demonstrated during the campaign.

★ TRANSITION NOTES ★

Baker Plans to Stay in Washington, Aides Say

WASHINGTON — He could move to Wyoming, site of his new ranch, or to Texas, his official home state, but James A. Baker 3d will remain in Washington for at least two years, associates say.

Mr. Baker was White House chief of staff and Treasury secretary in the Reagan administration, and in the Bush administration he has served as secretary of state and chief of staff. He is considered likely to join a Washington law firm with Texas connections.

Associates said Mr. Baker's decision was based on the wishes of his daughter, Mary Bonner Baker, to finish high school in Washington. A child of Washington, she has grown up here as her father moved from one powerful government post to the next.

One aide said Mr. Baker, an already wealthy man who has no desire to amass great wealth, might write a book over the next two years but has made no firm decisions on that. Some of Mr. Baker's aides who went with him to the White House are expected to return to the State Department until inauguration Day, Jan. 20. Dennis B. Ross, who was head of policy planning at the State Department, is likely but not certain to return. (W/P)

Republicans Begin Maneuvers for Party Post

WASHINGTON — The votes were hardly counted last Tuesday when the maneuvering over the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee began. Richard N. Bood, the current chairman, will give way to a new party leader when Republican committee members convene early next year.

Republican sources said last week that Charles Black, a Washington lobbyist aligned with Senator Phil Gramm, Republican of Texas, is making a major behind-the-scenes effort to get the post. Mr. Black, who helped run the committee after Lee Atwater was stricken with cancer following George Bush's election in 1988, was a senior adviser to Mr. Bush's re-election campaign.

Mr. Black has been controversial because of his firm's lobbying on behalf of foreign clients, and he is not expected to get the party post without a major fight.

Representative Vin Weber, the Minnesota Republican who declined to run for re-election this year, will form a business consulting firm, effectively taking himself out of the contest for chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Vice President Dan Quayle, his aides and others began at week's end to push the candidacy of Spencer Abraham, who is co-chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, a former Michigan Republican chairman and former deputy to Mr. Quayle.

A third candidate may be Labor Secretary Lynn M. Martin, who is seen as the moderate candidate. It is unclear, however, whether she wants the post. (W/P)

D.C. Public Schools Woo Clinton Daughter

WASHINGTON — District of Columbia public school officials are not losing any time in trying to attract Chelsea Clinton, soon to become the nation's First Student.

A D.C. public school is, of course, only one of the choices available to Mr. Clinton and his wife, who also could pick from among the prestigious private schools that have educated the sons and daughters of many a politician.

The president of the D.C. Board of Education, R. David Hall, has sent a letter to the Clintons, welcoming them to Washington and offering his assistance.

The D.C. school superintendent, Franklin L. Smith, is sending the Clintons a letter and package of material touting the virtues of his schools.

Mr. Clinton often has spoken of how happy he is to have Chelsea in a Little Rock public school, but the couple have not announced their plans for their daughter, an eighth-grader. The Clintons could follow the lead of Albert and Tipper Gore. The vice president-elect has three children in private school here. Tuitions start at about \$10,000 a year.

The last child of a president to go to a D.C. public school was Amy Carter, who in 1977 attended fifth grade with a detail of Secret Service agents at Stevens Elementary School. She transferred the next year to another public school, Hardy Middle School. (W/P)

Quote / Unquote

Vice President-elect Al Gore: "I'm not especially enamored of the job of vice president as it has traditionally been carried out. But both of us have an understanding of how we can work together well, and I can help him." (AP)

Away From Politics

- More than 4,000 pages of rules about food labels that were to have been issued Monday have been put on hold after the health and human services secretary, Louis W. Sullivan, and the agriculture secretary, Edward R. Madigan, failed to reach a compromise about aspects of the final regulations.
- A shooting spree in three central California coastal towns left six people dead. Lynwood Drake 3d, 43, an unemployed construction worker, who was apparently distressed over being evicted, killed five people, including his former landlord, and wounded another man before killing himself.
- The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 61,000 taxpayers who have yet to receive their 1991 tax refunds. The refunds, totaling \$44 million, were returned to the IRS by the Postal Service because of incorrect addresses. If you were due a refund on a return filed earlier this year and have not received it, the IRS advises a call to 1-800-829-1040.
- Estrogen therapy should be prescribed with caution because of a possible link to breast cancer in lean women, according to Ohio State University researchers in Columbus. The researchers studied 604 women who were newly diagnosed with breast cancer and 520 women with similar characteristics but no history of breast cancer. There did not appear to be a link between estrogen replacement therapy and breast cancer overall, but among lean women the difference was significant. Of the lean patients with breast cancer, 47 percent used estrogen replacement therapy, compared with 31 percent of women who did not use estrogen.
- American Roman Catholic bishops have all but abandoned a nearly decade-long effort to address rising demands for the ordination of women priests. The bishops are faced with insurmountable differences among themselves and doctrinal limits imposed by the Vatican. Many bishops believe a statement on the role of women in society and the church, known as a pastoral letter, will be shelved when the National Conference of Catholic Bishops meets in Washington next week.
- A fugitive British businessman wanted in the murder last week in San Diego of his wife and three children has been found dead in his car in the California desert, the police said. The body of Ian Spiro, 46, showed no signs of injuries and investigators had not yet determined the cause of death. Mr. Spiro was an international commodities broker.

Future Plans? Bush Seems Unprepared

By Michael Wines
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — When President George Bush last chatted with architects about his proposed presidential library in College Station, Texas, the premise was that the archive would open at the end of his second term, in late 1996.

"We may want to speed that up," said Perry A. Atkinson, the executive director of the library project. That, and more.

Mr. Bush, 68, leaves office on Jan. 20. But to where, and for what, is apparently a mystery, even to him. Aides and friends say he has no firm plans for retirement beyond getting "very active in the grandchild business and in finding ways to help people," as he told a Houston crowd in his concession speech. Indeed, the president and his wife, Barbara, do not even have a permanent place to live.

Their 26-room seaside mansion in Kennebunkport, Maine, is not fully winterized. Their legal residence, in suburban Houston, is but a hotel suite.

The declared site of their retirement home — 9 West Oak Lane South, in Houston's upscale Post Oak neighborhood — is a small vacant lot, and most associates doubt that Mr. Bush intends to build a home there.

It is not that Mr. Bush does not feel the need to plan, those associates say, but rather that he was so focused on his campaign — and so stubbornly resistant to the prospect

of defeat — that he did not devote much thought to his options.

"I don't think he's focused on any of that at all," his son Jeb Bush said Friday in a telephone interview from Miami. "He's still president of the United States, and public opinion notwithstanding, the world's still a dangerous place. There are still things that require more than just his passing attention."

In fact, one of Mr. Bush's first acts after conceding the election appears to have been to hand his wife the task of finding a new home. Mrs. Bush will travel soon to Houston to begin looking, according to her press secretary, Anna Perez.

Other aides said the White House would probably begin scouting the city soon for an office site Mr. Bush can occupy during his segue into retirement, much as former President Ronald Reagan has kept a desk in an office tower in suburban Los Angeles.

"That's probably the kind of thing he'll think about when he goes fishing," Jeb Bush said. And others agree that Mr. Bush probably will delay any serious thought about his future until next week, when he leaves town for five days of fishing on Florida's Gulf Coast.

Among the obvious options for the future are memoirs, which everyone agrees Mr. Bush will plunge into; corporate boards, in which they suspect he will dabble; speeches, and public service, in which he has expressed interest.

In the end, friends and aides say, it is unlikely that the president will, pursue either of the extremes followed by his most recent predecessors as ex-presidents, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter and Gerald R. Ford.

Mr. Carter has made his mark as a diplomat-without-portfolio and as a humanitarian, traveling the world in the cause of democracy and human rights and helping the poor at home.

By contrast, Mr. Reagan and Mr. Ford were widely accused early in

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OPINION

Secret Phone Recording: Shame on These Snoops

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Boasting over the telephone to a potential contributor, the head of the pro-Israel lobby here made some wild claims of having much clout with the Clinton camp. Unknown to the lobbyist, the caller, one Harry Katz of New York, was secretly tape-recording the conversation. When the embarrassing tape was turned over to a newspaper, the foolish lobbyist was forced to resign.

Recording another person's conversation, when he or she is speaking with a reasonable expectation of privacy, is ethically repugnant — and, in some states, unlawful.

Oliver North about that former marine colonel's predicament with the law, ostensibly offering help, but said that he had secretly taped the conversation, which was damaging to Mr. North.

A third instance of one-sided recording of a two-person conversation was widely publicized earlier this year by Jennifer Flowers, Governor Bill Clinton's accuser. She was discredited when her tapes failed to show specific evidence of infidelity and showed signs of having been doctored.

In each of these instances, the heat was on the person taped. One cost the lobbyist his job, another jeopardized a defense, the third came close to derailing a presidential bid.

But little condemnation was directed at the person who recorded the conversation without telling the person on the other end of the line.

I think Mr. Katz, who brought down an arrogant fool by setting a recording trap, is a dishonorable man. Mr. Perot, who thinks nothing of intrusions on the personal lives of others, is equally dishonorable for his betrayal of Mr. North's trust. And Ms. Flowers, whose exploitation of her tapes of Mr. Clinton did not rise to the level of blackmail, is — by virtue of her secret taping — a dishonorable woman.

Honor? What kind of cockamamie notion is that to bring up in the real world of dog-eat-dog interpersonal relationships? And what's so terrible about recording your own telephone conversa-

tion — it's your phone line, isn't it? Recording another person's conversation, when he or she is speaking with a reasonable expectation of privacy, is ethically repugnant — and in some enlightened states, unlawful.

One administration back, I caught a federal official routinely taping his calls without telling his callers — perhaps for memoirs, perhaps as a souvenir of his days in power. He taped a call in Florida, a state that requires notification of the other party, but a chance to make a national example of this wrongdoing was lost when a Republican prosecutor was prevailed upon to drop the case.

Today, with inexpensive answering machines offering a "recording capability," secret taping is child's play — for children never taught about honor.

If the tapper's intentions are honorable, it's easy to say, "Do you mind if I record this?" The other person is forewarned; both speakers are on a level playing field.

If the tapper does not request permission, the intent is probably dishonorable; he knows a record is being made and speaks guardedly, while the other, speaking freely, may say things he would hate to see in a transcript in court.

The argument is made that secret taping "protects" the caller — that if he is threatened or lied to, he then has proof of the other person's offense. That is Mr. Perot's defense. It was Richard Nixon's rationale for the White House taping system: that he could set history straight if a visitor or caller tried to twist the truth.

That's 100 percent selfish; the tapper protects himself at the endangerment of everyone else. Take that self-protection argument to the next step: the miracle of miniaturization will soon make it possible for everyone to "wear a wire" — to be outfitted with a tiny bug that makes a recording, ultimately with pictures for playback on CD-ROM, right there in your pocket.

"Protected" the selfish wire-wearer will be — but at what cost to everyone else's personal freedom? Do we want to live in a society where every word must be measured before speaking, where distrust is enshrined?

Teach your children: Secret recording like eavesdropping, is shameful and wrong. Snooping by government and credit bureaus is bad enough; Americans should not become a nation of spies.

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Their Hope for Hillary, 'One of Us'

By Anna Quindlen

NEW YORK — There's job talk in Little Rock, about who will be secretary of the Treasury, chief of staff, attorney general. And there is job talk across the country, too, among many women. Here's the question: Now that we Americans have a first woman as educated, intelligent, superachieving and policy-savvy as her husband, what do we do with her?

"Promise me she won't talk about cookies anymore," moaned a woman in Philadelphia.

"She did what she had to do to get him elected," said another in New York. "Now let's give her a real job."

And a circle of professional women in San Jose, California, erupted at a question about what Hillary Clinton should not do in the White House: "I don't want her to keep her mouth shut."

"Forget the photo ops." "I don't want her to make political visits — I want her to make policy so that all sick kids will get good care." "The thing is," one finally said, "we feel so strongly about it because she's one of us."

One of us. So much of the discussion about Hillary Clinton has not been about her at all. It has been about how we feel about smart women, professional women, new women. It's been about nurturing moms and working moms and what we do for love, includ-

ing keeping our mouths shut. We want her to make the world safe, not only for education reform and preschool programs, but for opinionated women who want to be taken seriously. To do that, she has to do something.

A week before her husband was elected, riding to an airport in the back of a sedan, she said she was keenly aware of how many women saw her as

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a stand-in. "That feeling has been sweeping over me," she said. "I feel the responsibility so much."

When you read Hillary Clinton's clippings, the word "hard-edged" appears more than any other except "headbands." It's an interesting word, not only because it is code but because you rarely hear it applied to men. It's like "feisty," a word used only for women and short guys.

The woman I talked with was smart, intense and approachable, which is how many people describe her in Arkansas. She needlepoints, but like most women with a kid and a job, she's been working on the same project for years. She said she was collecting Eleanor Roosevelt lore, a heartening in-

duction of how she sees her future. "We talked, as I recall, about policy in Africa," she said of one of her first dates with Bill Clinton, a recollection so weird it must be true. He gave her advice about cases; she gave him advice about appointments. She traveled the state to study the Arkansas school system and made sweeping recommendations to reform it. Her husband proposed legislation to implement the reforms. Both of them were hissed afterward by teachers. A modern marriage to the max.

This is no Nancy Reagan, obsessed with the man. This is a woman who lives and breathes social welfare policy, who has a résumé that would have put her on transition team lists had Bill Bradley just been elected president.

Some women think she should have a cabinet-level position, noting that John Kennedy made his brother Robert attorney general. Others say she should try to create a more meaningful first woman's role, to fit the tenor of the times.

I think the most important thing is that she fashion a meaningful job in her areas of expertise, that she ignore criticism of that job, and that we stop the criticism and focus on the benefits — for schools, for kids, for all the issues she works on. If they want to give the job a name, that's fine — just don't give it a fashion emphasis.



Breaking ground is never easy, and Hillary Clinton surely knows about the people who said they wanted to "get the pants off Eleanor and onto Franklin." (Gee, how times have not changed.) There will be people who complain that they didn't elect her. Get over it; they didn't elect James Baker either. There will be people who wanted an older Princess Di and are quick to cast Hillary Clinton instead as a

younger, leftist Margaret Thatcher. Get over it. If we put her in a little pink box of old expectations, truncate her contribution because of stereotypes, cut her end, we lose. When he was running, Bill Clinton liked to say Americans didn't have a person to waste. Certainly not this one. The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clinton Just Might Do It

Although I did not vote for Bill Clinton, it is nice to see Americans excited about something for a change. The prospect of his presidency brings a sense of optimism, even to some of us die-hard Republicans. We should recall, however, that we have elected the chief executive for a government "of the people, by the people, for the people." We cannot delegate the mission of improving our country and our lives to one man in the White House. That is a formula for disappointment, if not tyranny.

Mr. Clinton must teach Americans that economic conditions result from human behavior and not the other way around. He must stress that institutions, like government, are not compassionate — people are. He must show that government can lead without running people's lives. Ultimately, he must show that to be an American means to believe in truth and that this is all that separates us from a dismal future.

The most hopeful thing about Bill Clinton is that he just might be capable of teaching those lessons.

WILLIAM E. LAPE, Surrey, England.

Compromise? No Thanks

Your correspondent Nora Beloff (Letters, Oct. 30) reports that French diplomatic experts "recognize that the Serbian minorities are fighting viciously against being subject to Croatian or Muslim rule." How is that? By creating a flood of refugees, mostly Bosnian, by the Serbian-officered federal army waging a war of aggression, by bringing back concentration camps, by general inspection to determine religion, by causing untold misery, hate and brutality that may bring disaster on us all?

French officials may believe that "a hot subject like Yugoslavia is better left to the traditional system of diplomatic compromise, negotiated among responsible governments." Shades of the 1930s!

There is evil abroad. Why have we let it get this far?

LAURANCE D. JACOBS, London.

No Arms for Bosnia

Regarding "Five Steps for Bosnia" (Opinion, Nov. 4):

The proposal to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia is strange, to say the least. It is meant to allow the Muslims to acquire sophisticated weapons so that they can

Work's Changing Role

Regarding "Just Stop Moaning and Spread Out the Jobs" (Opinion, Oct. 22): Robert Theobald's attempt at drawing the consequences of today's realities is welcome. The role of work is indeed changing: from an obligation, it may become a choice. Fewer working hours are needed to produce enough food, products and services to ensure a better standard of living than ever before for a large percentage of developed countries' inhabitants. Viable solutions to overcome the prevailing "economic malaise" will be found if our best minds focus on what is in fact happening today.

MONTAGUE H. MARCH, Geneva.

A Pat on the Back

You finally did it! I had been planning to write to suggest that you put the crossword puzzle and bits and pieces on the back page, which is the most sanity-ensuring page in this crazy, violent world in which we live.

SALLY LIDBURY, Le Paradou, France.

Dylan's Lesson

Certainly Bob Dylan could defend his position to Sinéad O'Connor more eloquently than I, but I would offer a line from a Dylan song, that there are "a whole lot of people dying tonight from the disease of conceit."

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ART: After Collapse of Communism, Russia's Long-Repressed Hopes for a Cultural Renaissance Begin to Fade

(Continued from page 1) train a good dancer." With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, one unanticipated victim was the old Soviet Ministry of Culture...

'My general impression is that the situation is getting worse. And to a great extent, that is connected with the difficult economic situation of the country at large.'

Anatoli F. Malkov, administrative director of the Maryinski Theater in St. Petersburg.

And the regional and municipal agencies that are supposed to fill the gap are undeveloped or are crippled by the country's economic 'crisis' and rampant inflation. The old Soviet artists' unions or associations have lost most state subsidies, and artists are being forced to struggle for survival on their own.

AISt, which have sprung up around the country, have siphoned off many of the trained technicians who used to work at the state stations. But they are usually reduced, given Russia's economic woes and its refusal to sign the Bern copyright convention...

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Berlin Honors Reagan, Gorbachev and Kohl

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Mitterrand to Seek Easier Prosecution Of Negligent Aides

PARIS — President François Mitterrand said Monday that he would propose constitutional amendments by the end of this month aimed at strengthening the power of Parliament and improving judicial independence. A key change, he said, would be a modification of the court system to make it easier to prosecute cabinet ministers for negligence. Responding to public pressure for judicial action against cabinet ministers who were in office when blood contaminated with the virus that causes AIDS was distributed, Mr. Mitterrand said that the current provisions should apply. Those provisions require Parliament to set up a special court to put members of the government on trial. Mr. Mitterrand said that his proposals — which he did not disclose in detail — would include shortening the length of the presidential term of office, currently a renewable seven-year term. His proposed changes would not come to a public vote before the

parliamentary elections next March, which the conservative opposition appears poised to win. The French leader said that he was ready to resume a full work schedule after convalescing for several weeks from prostate surgery that revealed a malignancy. Mr. Mitterrand, 76, appeared to have recovered well. His televised interview of more than an hour was his first major public appearance since the operation. He said that doctors would issue a public report on his health next month. As long as his health permits, Mr. Mitterrand — elected in 1981 and again in 1988 until 1995 — intends to stay in office, he said. Asked about the delays in ratifying the Treaty on European Union, Mr. Mitterrand said that it was "unacceptable" for Britain to postpone ratification until Denmark votes again on the Maastricht treaty. But, he said, France would be sympathetic if Prime Minister John Major put off the decision for "a few weeks," beyond the original deadline of Jan. 1.

CLINTON: Down to the Issues

east peace talks would continue "without any slowdown" during the presidential transition. Mr. Clinton told Mr. de Klerk that he was concerned about racial violence in South Africa but was pleased with recent signs of progress. Mr. Clinton sidestepped questions about sensitive issues facing Mr. Bush. "I just don't think I should say much right now," Mr. Clinton said, after the Senate minority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, joined other Republicans on Sunday in calling on Mr. Bush for pardons for former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger and other defendants in the Iran-contra case. "These decisions have to be made," Mr. Clinton said, shrugging off questions about pardons and about Mr. Bush's plans to impose punitive tariffs on French wines and other exports. Mr. Dole asserted that prosecutors apparently gave the Clinton campaign advance notice about the Oct. 30 indictment of Mr. Weinberger. Mr. Stephanopoulos, when asked Monday about Mr. Dole's allegations, replied, "I think it's the silliest thing I've ever heard of, and they know it."

"I'm going to work hard but not make decisions," Mr. Clinton said. "I was so exhausted after the election I couldn't read very much for two days." Cabinet appointments should be completed by Dec. 1, Mr. Clinton's transition chairman, Vernon E. Jordan Jr., said Sunday. Mr. Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore take office on Jan. 20. "I want to make decisions in a fast way, but I want them to be good decisions," Mr. Clinton said. Mr. Clinton's spokesman also announced that Mr. Clinton's wife, Hillary, would quit her Little Rock law firm, where she is on leave from a senior partnership, before moving to Washington. (AP, Reuters)

Mr. Clinton spent the morning at the Arkansas state capitol, attending to a second transition — that of the governorship. Mr. Clinton was preparing to turn over the state reins to Lieutenant Governor Jim Guy Tucker. A court last week ruled that Mr. Tucker will inherit the duties and powers of the governor's office when Mr. Clinton resigns, but that ruling is expected to be appealed. With 72 days remaining before he takes power, Mr. Clinton tried to dampen expectations of swift action on filling senior White House and cabinet jobs.

SOCKS: The Clinton Cat

both pouches, who have brought both political gain and shame on their masters. Voters never forgave Lyndon B. Johnson for picking up his beagles by the ears, provoking yowls all around. But Franklin D. Roosevelt's Scottie, Fala, buried near the foot of his grave, helped clinch the 1944 re-election. The incumbent said he could deal with smears campaigns aimed at him or his family but would not tolerate attacks on his dog. Pet lovers lapped it up. Sometimes the dog thing has come in handy. Mr. Ford's golden retriever, Liberty, would jump up on cue and wag his tail at guests who had overstayed their welcome. Mr. Ford would pause and chuckle "heh-heh-heh," or something, and then indicate it was time for his next appointment. Now Socks will join other feline notables such as Amy Carter's Siamese, Misty Malarky Ying Yang, Or Calvin Coolidge's Tiger, a striped alley cat, who once ran away. Mr. Coolidge got on the radio and asked for help to find him.

PATTEN: Hong Kong Challenge

"I think it is incumbent on critics to spell out precisely how they would constitute the election commission, how they would constitute the extra functional constituencies," he said in an interview. "Those are the tough questions that need to be addressed." Mr. Patten, for his part, does not appear concerned by the challenge, pointing out that a recently formed umbrella organization of grassroots groups expressed support for his proposals. In an equally unusual response, the government has countered by lasting out at the business community. On Sunday, the chief secretary, Sir David Ford, the government's second highest-ranking official and considered by many to be the embodiment of its long policy of catering to the interests of local magnates, published a newspaper article warning the business community that its days of privilege were coming to an end. Mr. Patten, for his part, does not appear concerned by the challenge, pointing out that a recently formed umbrella organization of grassroots groups expressed support for his proposals.

Bosnia Peace Hurdle: Serb Dictates the Terms

By Blaine Harden
Washington Post Service
BELGRADE — For the international community to halt humanitarian horrors in Bosnia-Herzegovina, it must somehow wrestle a workable peace deal out of the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. Mr. Karadzic, a psychiatrist, leads the Bosnian Serb fighters who have conquered, "ethnically cleansed" and laid waste to vast tracts of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The therapist-turned-nationalist spends most of his time these days in Geneva, where he talks in closed sessions with Western statesmen about how to end a seven-month conflict that has become the bloodiest, most destructive war in Central Europe since World War II. United Nations war crimes investigators say privately that when the Bosnian war ends, Mr. Karadzic is likely to be a prime suspect for prosecution. The difficulties that seasoned diplomats may experience in talking peace with Mr. Karadzic behind closed doors were put on public display here Monday when the Serb leader announced a new peace plan that, in effect, called for unconditional surrender from his ethnic enemies. Mr. Karadzic explained that if his ad-

versaries in Bosnia-Herzegovina and his UN interlocutors in Geneva did not accept his plan in full, the alternative would be more war. In presenting his plan, Mr. Karadzic presided over a press conference that was marked by misstatements of fundamental facts about the war. He denied that the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, under an artillery-enforced Serbian siege that since April has killed more than 2,000 people, injured more than 25,000 and destroyed 60 percent of dwelling units, is under Serbian siege. "I deny that we are keeping Sarajevo under blockade," Mr. Karadzic said. "We are only protecting our side from crimes and genocide." He also denied all responsibility for the fate of up to 400,000 people in Bosnia-Herzegovina, most of them Muslims, whom the UN High Commissioner for Refugees estimates may die of exposure this winter because of the war. "All the responsibility lies with Mr. Izetbegovic," said Mr. Karadzic, referring to the Muslim president of Bosnia, Alija Izetbegovic. Relief officials and Western govern-

ments blame Bosnian Serbs for starting the war last spring, for forcing more than a million Muslims to leave their homes and for being the principal party interfering with a huge international relief effort. Mr. Karadzic offered Monday what he described as his own "concrete plan" for easing the winter-related suffering of the Bosnian people. Outlining a program that sounded somewhat similar to the disastrous Khmer Rouge scheme that depopulated Cambodian cities in the 1970s, Mr. Karadzic said city people in Bosnia-Herzegovina should abandon their war-damaged apartments and move to rural villages where they could find shelter and food. His peace plan seemed to have about the same chances for international acceptance as his winter relief program. The seven-point peace plan calls for Croats to withdraw all armed forces from Bosnia-Herzegovina and for the Muslim-led government in Sarajevo to annul a declaration of war. The plan makes no mention of the land that the Bosnian Serbs have conquered since April. That amounts to 70 percent of the territory of a republic where Serbs make up 31 percent of the population. Before

"ethnic cleansing" began in Bosnia-Herzegovina last spring, Muslims were the largest ethnic group, with 44 percent of the population. As for Serbian "concessions" to make the peace deal work, Mr. Karadzic said he would stop offensive action and allow humanitarian and "economic" convoys into non-Serbian cities where people are starving. If everyone stops fighting for an extended period, he said, he would consider giving back selected small chunks of territory "that is not ours." This proposal will inspire little more than contempt from Muslim and Croatian forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Their fighters in have begun separate offensives recent days, chopping through Serbian supply lines. At the weekend, Serbian commanders threatened that if the Croats did not ease up, Serbian planes would bomb the Adriatic port of Dubrovnik and the Croatian capital, Zagreb. Yet the forum at which Mr. Karadzic presented his seemingly stillborn peace was not a meaningless event. It offered outsiders a telling glimpse of the negotiating style of the Serbs from Bosnia and of the character of their leader.



Radovan Karadzic speaking Monday at a news conference in Belgrade.

JAPAN: Asians Worry That New Shipment of Near-Weapons-Grade Plutonium Gives Tokyo Nuclear Lever

Under intense pressure from Washington, South Korea reluctantly pledged last year never to build a reprocessor. The North Koreans, despite considerable evidence to the contrary, insist that their plant is purely for energy research. But Japanese officials have told them that only by abandoning work there will Pyongyang set aside fears that it is trying to fool international inspectors. Less than 1,200 kilometers east of Pyongyang, though, Japan is building a giant nuclear reprocessing site of its own, at Rokkasho, a small fishing village. Under the current plan, it will first supplement, and then replace, the European plants that Japan is now relying upon to turn its nuclear waste into plutonium. Tit for tat, North Korea this year began accusing Japan of planning to use the plant for a nuclear weapons program. While Japan has dismissed those claims as propaganda from the hard-line Communist government of President Kim Il Sung, it has been reluctant to explain why it should have a reprocessor and North Korea should not. "It is an uncomfortable position," a senior Bush administration official who has been deeply involved in Japan's nuclear shipment plan said in Washington earlier this year. "If it was any other country than Japan, we would look at this plutonium project and conclude a bomb was the real motive. But the fact is that it's O.K. for the Japanese because we trust them, and not O.K. for the North Koreans because we don't trust them." The United States, which retains some control over the material because it initially supplied Japan

with the nuclear fuel, has approved the shipment plan. But in Asia, Japan suffers from problems of trust, especially in countries it once invaded. Japanese officials emphasize that the plutonium that is being shipped to Japan is "reactor grade," not "weapons grade." Nonetheless, crude nuclear devices have been fabricated by other countries from plutonium of the kind Japan is shipping. Japan has said little to its own people about how it will store and guard the supplies, and its statistics about how much plutonium it will need have come under significant attack. For this reason, many academic experts and government officials say Japan will never succeed at putting aside doubts about its real intentions. "However honestly and vehemently Japan may proclaim its nonnuclear status and abide by its commitments in this regard, international concerns remain deeply rooted," William Walker of the University of Sussex and Frans Berkhout of Princeton University wrote two months ago in the journal Arms Control Today.

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DELORS: Appeal to Kohl

benefited the most from extensive farm subsidies. Mr. Delors has rejected the accusations of partisanship. A spokesman for Mr. Delors said Monday that the EC Commission chief considered his behavior to have been "perfectly correct" and that he had no plans to resign. While not quite as shrill as the representatives of German industry, Bonn officials are making their impatience with France and Mr. Delors known. Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said Monday that starting a trade war between the Community and the United States "would be the unhappiest and stupidest thing we could possibly do at this time." A spokesman for the German Economics Ministry said proposals for retaliatory sanctions against America were being considered in Bonn. But he emphasized that it was not too late to reach an agreement before Dec. 5. Mr. Delors has rejected the accusations of partisanship. A spokesman for Mr. Delors said Monday that the EC Commission chief considered his behavior to have been "perfectly correct" and that he had no plans to resign. While not quite as shrill as the representatives of German industry, Bonn officials are making their impatience with France and Mr. Delors known. Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said Monday that starting a trade war between the Community and the United States "would be the unhappiest and stupidest thing we could possibly do at this time." A spokesman for the German Economics Ministry said proposals for retaliatory sanctions against America were being considered in Bonn. But he emphasized that it was not too late to reach an agreement before Dec. 5.

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Luxury Property in the U.K.

What Gives a Town Residence That Extra Something?

Experts agree that luxury real estate is leading the British property market out of a bad period, but they differ on what exactly constitutes "luxury."

It is "abundance in a period setting," according to a definition offered by Michael Walshe of Weldon Walshe, leading architects and interior designers.

Why a period setting? "It could be due to the paucity of modern design," he says. He blames Le Corbusier's famous statement that a house is "a machine for living in." There are, of course, luxurious dwellings built each year but, Mr. Walshe says, "Generally, they plagiarize past eras' style."

He adds: "True luxury is more than abundance — it is the achievement of a character, the evocation of a mood."

In Britain, Georgian architecture managed brilliantly to combine classical proportion with "a human scale,"

"The glow of a crackling fire..."

and this is rare in modern buildings. Mr. Walshe quotes Prince Charles as saying that when he stood in the foothills of the Himalayas he felt uplifted, but at pavement level in the City of London he felt dwarfed and crushed by the scale of modern buildings.

"We are fortunate today," Mr. Walshe says, "in that the craft and skills of the Georgian era are with us still and much improved. Our joinery craftsmanship is superb, as is our masonry, our plasterwork and our metalwork. What our craftsmanship lacks by comparison is in artistry."

Responsibility for artistic decisions has been transferred to the architect and designer, who "vary in talent," Mr. Walshe says.



Luxury in Mayfair: An inside look at 34 Berkeley House, offered in excess of £1 million.

"Many are hampered by a less privileged background than their clients' aspirations aim at, or by the social pressures of equal opportunity, which sully the artistic freedom that luxury demands if it is to be of good taste," he adds.

Taste is almost too subjective to discuss, Mr. Walshe says. "Suffice it to say that the designer must be aware of and fully sympathetic with the different cultural backgrounds and histories of his clients' countries of origin, and must rigorously avoid the superimposition of his own national vocabulary."

There are, of course, other criteria — size, neighborhood, aspect, number of bathrooms, etc. — that must be met before any dwelling can be described as luxurious. "What is often missed," he says, "are those less tangible assets such as mood and character."

Anthony Lassman, a leading real-estate agent whose firm deals with a number of properties in the most desirable parts of London, says that location is only part of the story. There are, he says, some run-down and ill-designed period properties in expensive areas. A good location is only "potentially luxurious."

He emphasizes the need to cater to the lifestyle of rich people. "The quality of fittings is important," he says. "There must be a superb master bathroom. People like to have guest suites with their own bathrooms. Separate staff quarters are essential. The latest in lighting technology is necessary, with dimming and so on. Plenty of wardrobe space will be demanded, and probably a good dressing room."

It goes without saying that there will be a grand entertaining area, a separate dining room, a good study or library for meeting business colleagues and a superbly equipped kitchen — "though, of course, the very rich have staff to deal with the cooking," says Mr. Lassman.

Surprisingly, he says, for apartments at the best London addresses — St. James's Place or Eaton Square, for instance — security is not paramount, though it is a factor. "In these apartments you do not get porters sitting in the entrance halls night and day," he says. "That is common in New York, but it doesn't happen in London."

Similarly, underground parking is seldom available to go with classical grandeur, high ceilings and the best addresses. "You can't dig under 1820 houses," says Mr. Lassman. Fortunately, he adds, most people who can afford this type of property have chauffeurs to take their cars to nearby garages.

A notable property of undoubted luxury that Lass-

man's has for sale is Gloucester Lodge, a Regency villa overlooking Regent's Park and part of the historic Nash terraces. It was built in the 1830s, extensively replanned and refurbished in the 1930s and again in the 1960s.

It consists of a magnificent drawing room, dining room, library, kitchen, gallery, morning room, games room, main bedroom suite with bathroom, seven further bedrooms and two additional bathrooms. There is a walled garden and potential for a roof garden. Further accommodation is provided by a separate mews house with garages for three cars. Offers are invited in the region of £1.5 million (\$2.3 million).

There are, of course, different levels of "luxury." It is "a widely abused word," says Mungo Tennant, marketing director of the £40 million Kensington Green development, which comprises 112 apartments, eight penthouses and 45 townhouses. But he claims it can appropriately be applied to Kensington Green for several reasons. Prices for the apartments range from £130,000 to £335,000, and for the houses from £575,000 to £1.6 million.

The architecture and design is of the highest quality, in detail and in general layout. It has an aspect of 19th century housing, but "there are no rooms made from converted cupboards," says Mr. Tennant. "Every room has a purpose and is designed for modern-day living." And there is, for example, proper smooch on the external surfaces — "not glass-reduced plastic," and the work surfaces in the carefully designed kitchens are made of real granite.

A landscaped estate that is securely cut off from the perils of city life is an important factor. "Children can ride their bicycles in safety," he says. "An owner could leave his house for weeks at a time and feel secure that it will not come to any harm. That is a luxury."

Nearby Kensington High Street presents a wealth of shopping and leisure facilities, while Knightsbridge (with Harrods department store and other attractions) and the West End are within easy reach.

Brian H. Johns, a designer with an international reputation who has been involved in the Kensington Green development, waxes poetic on the general subject of luxury.

"For me, in summer," he says, "luxury evokes sensations of fragrance coming through the open window from a scented garden. The sun that streams into a beautiful room, highlighting the colors of the rich fabric and accentuating the detail of the 18th-century interior."

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NEW YORK — Geoffrey Beene staged an imaginative still-life exhibition of his new collection in the American Ballet theater at Lincoln Center. Using as a background wall-mounted blocks of photographs like video screens, dashing illustrative murals and a handful of dainty dancers wearing his signature jumpsuits, Beene managed the impossible: to express in a static display the extraordinary lightness and fluidity of his clothes and their sense of movement.

Seen at close range the skill of work astounded: In a semicircular clear-plastic tent was a long, slim black dress cut in one piece with no seam and a single button to hold it together. Other dresses were in gauzy jersey, scissored on the bias, hung from a halter neck of transparent plastic tubing.

Beene's weightless layers included tunics, split at the side over pants, in which the dancers were photographed in flying movement. He often opted for short, but the familiar silhouette was lightly handled, with an overlay of embroidered lace, a tiny net cape edged with beads or a black lace tunic slipped over pink like the silvers of a *milieu* party. The designer said that often the zipper weighed more than the dress itself and that he wanted modern clothes "up to the demands of a mobile society."

Suzy Menkes

Political Correctness and the Working Woman

By Suzy Menkes
International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — So American fashion has a New Deal and a new first lady-designate to dress. How Hillary Clinton will polish her image as a gutsy working wife and mother, a presidential partner in the White House, is intriguing Seventh Avenue designers. But they appeared already to have discounted the election result in the new season's shows.

Mark, the rapper who has made a thing out of Calvin Klein underpants) were Nan Kamper (in the designer's skinny, long gray flannel skirt and brown leather jacket) and Blaine Trump, in a red cashmere twin set and check pants by Anne Klein, whose label she proposed for the president-elect's wife.

"They are politically correct clothes," she said. "Hillary Clinton is going to represent a whole new generation of American working women — and that will include the way she dresses."

Isaac Mizrahi made an ironic stab at first lady dressing with a section described as "Hillary's Cabinet." It consisted of stern tailoring with over-the-knee skirts — the look lightened with blouses in ice-cream-pale stripes or brief leather tops baring the midriff. It was one of many groups of serious clothes in a lively but unfocused show. Mizrahi got by on dash and fire and wacky accessorizing, which included bushy wigs and a lattice openwork boot.

"Sure I'd love to dress her — if she's into it — I love her and everything the Clintons stand for," said Mizrahi, whose ebullient energy and willingness to take chances are refreshing.

The New York fashion week was frustrating. There was a sense of change, but mainly because American designers were following European ideas, rather than breaking new ground. The shows, many staged in a central location at the New York Public Library, were too tired in the hippie or so-called

grunge-rock ugliness, which seems ridiculous at designer prices.

Politically correct fashion — sober styles in quiet colors — is the look in store. Bloomingdale's has remodeled its fashion floor focusing on Calvin Klein, Giorgio Armani and Ralph Lauren, whose pretty show was a standout in fashion week. Store floors seem an ocean of gray and beige, although Bergdorf Goodman did relaunch the wacky clothes of Stephen Sprouse. Bergdorf was also host to James Galanos, the West Coast

courier who dressed Nancy Reagan and who describes her as "clothes crazy, which got her into a lot of trouble."

Because of the repentant feeling in New York about 1980s excess, Hillary Clinton may not choose designer fashion to represent a new face of America. She currently wears clothes by a subsidiary of Liz Claiborne, and retailers describe her as a typical "bridge" customer, referring to middle-of-the-road, middle-priced lines that do not make any big fashion statement.

NEW YORK FASHION

center-front at Donna Karan's show, wearing the designer's gray bird's-eye cloth suit, with long slit skirt.

"Hillary should wear Donna — it would be perfect for her," she said.

But a further shock was in store for the socialites at Karan's show. For the spirited woman designer had also gone soft on working clothes, sending out a collection that was pretty, romantic, charming with its artist's smock blouses, drooping pointed collars and layers of fluid fabrics. Everything — and this in a summer collection — was dark and dreamy with midnight blue and black lightened only with an occasional dash of ivory blouse. Enormous hats casting a pool of shadow on pale faces completed the poetic picture.

"I want to dress him and her — and it's really him I'm after!" announced Karan on the Clintons. "There are pieces in there she could wear once I could feel her. I would need to work with her like any of my clients."

So will Hillary Clinton's inauguration gown be a slip of a dress, bias cut, falling liquid across the body, perhaps touched with head embroidery? Could she appear in Karan's picture hats and filmy midriff dresses unbuttoned over pants drawn up at the waist and

A softness, a sense of freedom, even abandon, and an anti-conservative feeling swept through the Spring-Summer 1993 collections. Not a trace remained, even among uptown designers, of the glitz and glamour of the Nancy Reagan years. Wall Street power dressing has melted away. Instead New York designers offered fluid, wispy clothes that were sometimes an eerie echo of the 1970s and the Jimmy Carter era. More often the soft clothes in somber colors had a gritty sense of tough times.

Take Calvin Klein. He surely was not making a pitch for the Clinton closet with his layers of sheer fabrics wafting here, floating there, revealing bared bosoms and more. The show opened with a long georgette dress printed with faded flowers over a near-naked body. But the designer who made his name by putting the healthy, glowing, perfect all-American-girl models into minimalist sportswear made a big statement. The gorgeous goddesses striding down the runway had been banished in favor of a tribe of wa women led by the Twiggy-thin Kate Moss and the oddball Kristen McMenamy.

They wandered out, devoid of makeup, hair in greasy matts, eyes vacant or behind grubby glasses, wearing shrouds of pebble-gray. The fabrics were chiffon, crepe or washed silk; a vest layered over skirt or pants; unstructured pantsuits worn with a cobweb of beige knit or crochet tunic; slips of dresses in whisper-quiet colors.

"It's a big change for me — the girls, the clothes, the femininity — there is a need to change," said Klein after the show, in which the buyers sat stony-faced at the limp crepe jackets and transparent tank tops.

In fact, there was plenty to buy: regular pantsuits in ecologically O.K. jute softened with a gauzy tunic, or cashmere cardigans clutched across the naked body. The look was not even so new to anyone who saw the European collections — and that included Klein, who was in Paris for the shows. The scrubbed faces and lank hair looked like a return of the Helmut Lang collection. The clothes in neutral colors lacking all structure are the stuff of current avant-garde and their roots go back to the Japanese designers who hit Paris a decade ago. But the point is that the new look has reached Seventh Avenue, a former haven of all that is soothingly unchallenging to the status quo. It was sort of daring of Calvin to go for it — even if he did mix the message by slipping garter-top stockings under a dead-plain dress.

The bemused society figures in the front row (along with Marky

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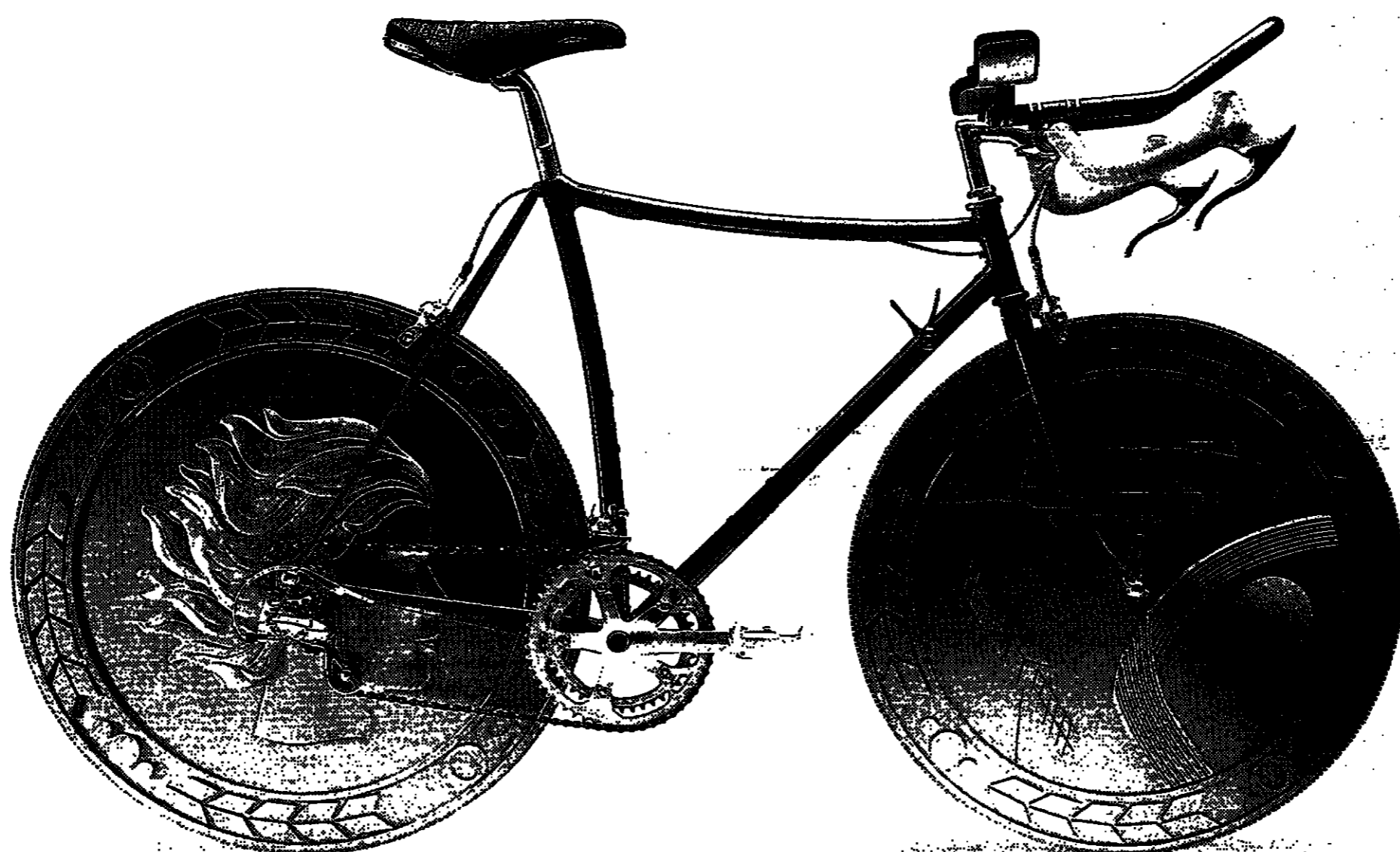
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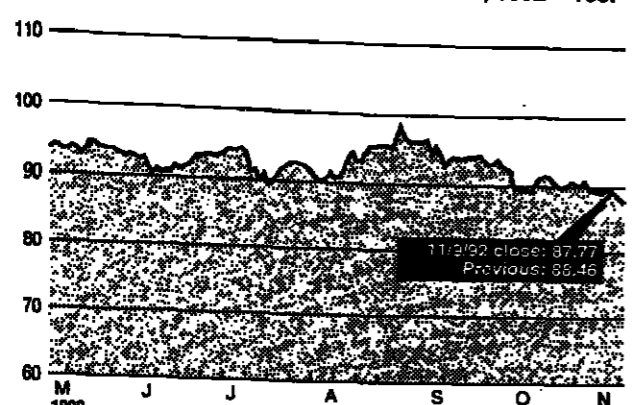
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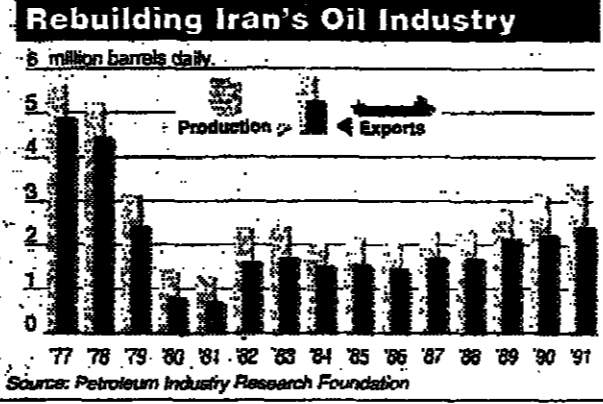
INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

Singapore Rally Is Riding A Tricky Malaysian Wave

By Michael Richardson. SINGAPORE — After a listless performance for most of 1992, Singapore's stock market has staged a strong rally in the past two weeks. But analysts say that the upturn underlines a growing dependency on vigorous over-the-counter trade in Malaysian stocks...

Oil Fuels Iran's Ambitions

By Youssef M. Ibrahim. KHARG ISLAND, Iran — "Welcome to the Islamic Republic of Iran," a sign says at the small, crowded arrival hall of this oil-exporting island in the Persian Gulf.



Outside under a bright sun, stretching for miles into the waters of the Gulf, dozens of tankers line up to load crude oil. On Kharg, occupied by the Iranian army and only a skeleton crew of oil technicians during much of the Iran-Iraq war, hundreds of Iranian and foreign workers are building and repairing storage tanks and piers.

Iran's oil reserves, estimated at 93 billion barrels, are the world's largest after those of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait. But oil is not Iran's only energy source. Its natural-gas reserves, estimated at 600 trillion cubic feet (17 billion cubic meters), are second only to Russia.

Saab Auto to Cut 25% of Workers

STOCKHOLM — Saab Automobile AB, complaining that it is losing \$1 million a day, announced on Monday a program to save 2 billion kronor (\$335.5 million) that will cut its work force by almost one-fourth.

Union Says Renault Unit Plans to Trim 2,500 Jobs

PARIS — Renault SA's commercial-vehicle unit will post a 1 billion franc (\$185 million) loss for 1992 and plans to cut 2,500 jobs next year, trade union officials said Monday.

Continental Accepts Bid From Air Canada Group

By Agis Salpukas. NEW YORK — Air Canada and two Texas investors on Monday won a bidding war for Continental Airlines with a \$450 million offer, in a major step toward forming a world carrier.

Under a bid made by Air Canada and Air Partners, an investor group led by the Texas financier David Bordman, Continental will get an injection of \$450 million in cash once the bankruptcy court accepts its plan to reorganize, which is expected sometime early next year.

Brooks Brothers Loosens Up Clothier Finds New Look Means Business

By Stephanie Strom. NEW YORK — When Brooks Brothers installed escalators in its flagship store on Madison Avenue three years ago, it incited something approaching hysteria among its clientele.

Brooks Brothers has instead undergone an appropriately subdued metamorphosis, evident in its neckwear, stylishly faded sport shirts and stirrup pants hanging unobtrusively alongside the classic ties, button-downs and suits that are the chain's signature merchandise.

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES. Table with multiple columns showing exchange rates for various currencies and interest rates for different terms.

J&J Units Win \$1.2 Billion Deal For Equipment. Advertisement for Vacheron Constantin watches, featuring an image of a watch and text about the company's history and products.

MARKET DIARY

Clinton Remarks Snuff Out Rally

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rose slightly Monday, supported by strength in the biotechnology group but undermined by comments by Bill Clinton about the overall economy.

N.Y. Stocks

As much as 20 points but fell back after the president-elect told reporters he saw "a lot of troubling signs in the economy."

A Late Surge Propels The Dollar Upward

NEW YORK — A late surge propelled the dollar higher on Monday after it had spent most of the day below Friday's levels, dealers said.

Foreign Exchange

the pound's weakness against the dollar, which dragged down other European currencies.

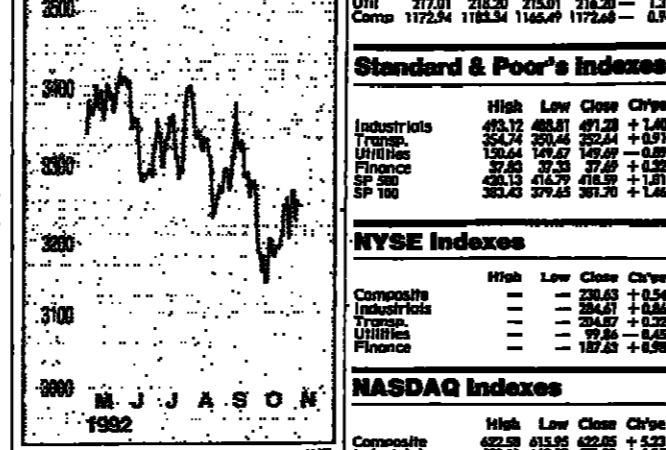
Stress on Lower Rates

Economics and finance officials from the 24 members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development voiced "a great deal of concern" Monday about the lack of policy convergence among key OECD countries.

Air France, UTA Detail Swap

PARIS — Plans for the merger of Air France and UTA envisage UTA's absorbing the assets and liabilities of Air France, sources at the group said Monday.

The Dow



Dow Jones Averages

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Last, Chg. for various indices like Industrials, Utilities, Chemicals, etc.

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NYSE Most Actives

Table listing top active stocks on NYSE with columns: Vol., High, Low, Last, Chg.

NYSE Diary

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EUROPEAN FUTURES

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Honeywell Raises Payout, Sets Charge

MINNEAPOLIS (Bloomberg) — Honeywell Inc. said Monday that it would increase its annual dividend by 8 percent, speed up a stock-repurchase program, set a 2-for-1 stock split and take a \$100 million pre-tax charge to restructure three divisions.

Chevron to Cut Another 750 Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Chevron Corp., as part of its year-long effort to cut staffing in the United States, announced Monday it would cut 450 jobs at its corporate headquarters and another 300 at its information-technology services operation.

First Chicago Sheds Marriott Dispute

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — First National Bank of Chicago has resigned as a trustee for Marriott Corp.'s bonds after testing investors it was not able to fulfill its fiduciary duties to the bondholders, it was disclosed Monday.

Du Pont Gets \$400 Million for Unit

WILMINGTON, Delaware (AP) — Du Pont Co. said Monday it would sell its connector systems business to a private investment firm for about \$400 million. The subsidiary employs about 3,000 people.

For the Record

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. acting chairman, Andrew C. Rose Jr., said he had assured the Clinton transition team that bank failures anticipated next month would not join the economy.

Gold Drops More Than \$3

NEW YORK — The price of gold futures fell Monday to a contract low, eroded by the fact that inflation appears under control and a belief that global economies will remain lackluster, analysts said.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Large table showing world stock market data for various cities: Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Paris, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Tokyo, Zurich, etc.

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Explosion Hits Total's Stock

PARIS — Total SA's share price, already under pressure from a profit warning it gave last week, fell further Monday after an explosion at a refinery near Marseille cut the oil company's domestic refining capacity by about one quarter.

Air Traffic Upturn Lifts BAA Profit

LONDON — BAA PLC, which runs most of Britain's airports, including London Heathrow and Gatwick, reported on Monday a 45.7 percent increase in first-half profit as air traffic recovered from its Gulf War slump.

Costain Sells Assets To Crédit Lyonnais Deal With Hanson Is Broken

LONDON — Costain Group PLC, one of Britain's troubled builders, announced Monday that it had found a better deal than that offered by Hanson PLC and was selling its Australian coal and real estate interests to a Crédit Lyonnais subsidiary instead.

Investor's Europe table showing stock indices for Frankfurt, London, and Paris across various exchanges and time periods.

Delhaize Lashes Out at Food Lion Critics

BRUSSELS — Delhaize Frères & Compagnie in Lion SA, the Belgian food retailer, charged Monday that unions were leading a campaign to "destroy" its Food Lion Inc. unit in the United States.

GATT: Ministers Seek New Talks

(Continued from page 1) man of Goldman Sachs, a New York investment firm. "But it only took one bullet at Sarajevo to start World War I, so we have to hope that cooler heads prevail."

SINGAPORE: Malaysian Wave

(Continued from first finance page) and 33 percent by value of all stocks traded. In the week ending July 17, the figures were 36 percent by volume and 23 percent by value.

GATT's Dunkel Faces The Ultimate Challenge

In his spare time, Arthur J. Dunkel likes to browse in stores, and even when he is on a trip somewhere he tries to make time available to see what's on the shelves. Window shopping, he says, reminds him of the purpose of his job as director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which aims to facilitate the exchange of goods and services around the world.

Of the 20 stocks by volume traded on the Singapore exchange on Monday, all were Malaysian. Last week over-the-counter trading in Malaysian stocks made up 71 percent of total trade by volume and 50 percent by value.

Very briefly:

- Mercedes-Benz AG confirmed reports that Helmut Werner, due to succeed Chairman Werner Niefer in May 1993, will start managing the company in January.

BROOKS: Clothier Loosens Up

(Continued from first finance page) netting of Brooks' problems: getting its message out to new, younger consumers whose tastes are markedly different from their grandfathers.

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AMEX Monday's Closing table listing various stocks and their prices.

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Monday's Closing Tables include the national close up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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Japanese Aid to Hanoi Pressures U.S.

By William Branigan
Washington Post Service
HANOI — The resumption of Japanese aid to Vietnam after a 14-year hiatus is putting pressure on the United States to lift its economic embargo against this country, diplomats and government officials say.

United States by formally agreeing to lend Vietnam \$369 million on concessional terms. Although Tokyo's position on IMF and World Bank loans is not yet clear, the resumption of Japanese official development assistance to Vietnam, which had been suspended since Hanoi's troops invaded Cambodia in December 1978, now opens the way for large-scale private Japanese investment.

'The embargo is dead. It's a question of weeks or months' until it is formally lifted.

A European ambassador

very long time now," said the envoy of a country closely allied with the United States. Many American consumer products are free available, and some U.S. firms have managed to set up shop here through subsidiaries incorporated in other countries.

servicemen and the clamor of American businessmen for a change in policy, President-elect Bill Clinton, once in office, probably will not maintain the embargo for long.

However, the Vietnamese seem not to have come to grips with the political difficulties that Mr. Clinton might face in taking such a step, or with opposition to normalization of relations from some members of Mr. Clinton's Democratic Party.

Foreign investment in Vietnam totals about \$3 billion, still paltry compared with some of its Southeast Asian neighbors but an increase of \$1 billion from a year ago. Taiwan and Hong Kong companies have invested more than \$1.2 billion, or 40 percent of the total.

In the last year especially, the transformation of Hanoi from a crumbling Communist backwater to a bustling capital has been accelerating as Vietnam's free-market economic-reform program of doi moi, or renovation, has taken hold. Even more dynamic have been the changes in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, where capitalism and entrepreneurial skills flourished before 1975.

Japan Drug Companies Are Recession-Resistant

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO — Japan's pharmaceutical companies, skirting the recessionary gloom afflicting many industries, posted surprisingly strong results for the half year to Sept. 30. Tanabe-Seiyaku Co. increased its parent pretax earnings and Takeda Chemical Industries reported a small rise. Yamanouchi Pharmaceuticals Co., Shionogi & Co. and Daiichi Pharmaceutical showed only modest declines in profits. The companies reported results between Friday and Monday.

The general impression is that pharmaceutical companies have held up well compared to more cyclical industries and, in some cases, performed better than expected, said Teruko Onoda, an analyst at Merrill Lynch Securities.

Japan's drug sector is relatively resistant to economic downturns because people are generally persuaded by their doctors that they need to buy prescribed drugs, even while cutting back on other purchases.

Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Exchange, Index, Monday Close, Prev. Close, % Change. Includes data for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, Sydney, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Jakarta, New Zealand, Bombay.

Very briefly:

- FAW-Volkswagen Automotive Co., VW's joint venture that makes Jetta and Golf cars in China, will use a \$420 million syndicated loan arranged by Commerzbank AG and CDFC (HK) Ltd., a unit of Bank of China, to expand capacity to 150,000 units a year.
Nissan Motor Co. has asked Ford Motor Co. to boost the number of minivans Nissan receives under a joint agreement, to 2,500 a month from 1,358 in September; Ford makes them at its plant in Avon Lake, Ohio.
ICI Taiwan Ltd. opened a \$315 million chemical plant, Imperial Chemical Industries' largest single investment in the Asia-Pacific region; the product is pure terephthalic acid, used to make fibers and plastics.
Reliance Industries Ltd.'s net profit for the half year to Sept. 30 rose 119 percent to 1.82 billion Indian rupees (\$64 million), after its merger in March with a subsidiary, Reliance Petrochemicals Ltd.
Keppel Corp. plans to take over the old ship-repair yard for the U.S. 7th Fleet at Subic Bay in the Philippines which is in doubt; the redevelopment chief, Richard Gordon, said he did not favor leaving the yard to the Singapore-based company because it would employ only 500 people.
Ximien International Bank, China's first joint-venture bank, has opened a branch in the coastal city of Fuzhou, Xinhua reported.
The Japan Machine Tool Builders Association said machine-tool orders in September totaled 61.8 billion yen, down 35.3 percent from September 1991 but up 22 percent from August this year.

Bank Bumiputra Profit Falls 57%

KUALA LUMPUR — Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Bhd., the troubled state-owned concern, reported Monday a sharp fall in profit just as the wounds of a scandal in Hong Kong 10 years ago threatened to reopen. Bank Bumiputra, Malaysia's second-largest bank, posted a 57 percent plunge in pretax profit, in contrast with record earnings from other local banks on the back of the booming economy.

A results statement in local newspapers said the bank was ordered by a court in May 1991 to pay 18.7 million ringgit damages for breach of agreement in terminating a credit facility. And provisions for bad debt rose to 147.4 million ringgit from 134.35 million.

Mr. Anwar said on Sunday the government had information that there would be a media campaign alleging the office of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed had cut a deal with a jailed former Bank Bumiputra officer, Lorraine Osman, for his release in return for implicating a political rival of Mr. Mahathir in the Hong Kong scandal. Lorraine Osman was chairman of Bumiputra Malaysia Finance Ltd., the Hong Kong-based subsidiary of Bank Bumiputra that was left with losses of about 1 billion ringgit in bad loans when the Hong Kong-based Carrian Group collapsed in 1982.

Posco to Expand Vietnam Output

HANOI — South Korea's Pohang Iron & Steel Co. agreed Monday with Vietnam Steel Corp. to expand output in Vietnam. A Posco official said the agreement covered the joint construction of a pipe mill and an electric arc furnace mill at Hanoi.

A company spokesman in Seoul said Posco wanted to expand facilities at Posvina Co., its joint venture with Vietnam Steel, and also to produce color steel sheet, agricultural chemicals and steel pipes and bars.

Minolta Loss Deepens as Sales Slump

TOKYO — Minolta Camera Co. said Monday its parent net loss in the half-year ended Sept. 30 widened to 2.93 billion yen (\$23.8 million), after 2.34 billion yen in the same period the previous year. The company attributed the result to a worldwide slump in camera sales and a high export ratio that left it vulnerable to the rising yen. Sales in the first half dropped to 99.52 billion yen, from 112.91 billion yen. Minolta said it expected a decline for the full year.

IBM to Sell Sony CD-ROM Players

TOKYO — International Business Machines Corp. plans to sell handheld multimedia devices produced by Sony Corp. starting this month, the Japanese company announced Monday, in a move analysts said would strengthen each company in new fields. The U.S. computer maker plans to sell the compact disc read-only memory, or CD-ROM, players as a package with its own software. The Sony-branded units display text and graphics and play high-quality sound. Sony has been selling its own CD-ROM drives in America since September. Officials of both companies decline to disclose any financial aspects of the deal, nor any future sales estimates.

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INTERNATIONAL FUNDS Nov. 9, 1992. Table listing various international funds with columns for fund name, share price, and other details. Includes sections for 'Other Funds' and 'For investment information read THE MONEY REPORT every Saturday in the IHT'.

SPORTS BASKETBALL

In the NBA, Old Guard Gives Way to New

By Michael Martinez
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — The National Basketball Association has passed from one era to another, from Magic Johnson and Larry Bird to Shaquille O'Neal and assorted other rookies, whose debuts were a mixed bag on a mixed opening weekend.

There was one familiar sight — or almost familiar. In Phoenix, the arrival of Charles Barkley from the Philadelphia 76ers was something to savor, as he got 37 points, 21 rebounds and 8 assists in the victory against the Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday. He also tied a Suns record with 12 offensive rebounds.

There were some surprises, too. Who would have guessed that the Milwaukee Bucks would be unbeaten two games into their season? Or that the Chicago Bulls, in search of their second straight NBA title, would lose at home on the same night they received their '92 championship rings?

Unpredictable, yes, but there is apparently one sure thing about the NBA season that began Friday: O'Neal is the real thing.

He scored just 12 points in his

first regular-season game with the Magic. On Saturday, he made it clear that he is the marquee player that everyone expects him to be, finishing with 22 points, 15 rebounds and 4 blocked shots, including 3 blocks in the closing minutes of a 103-98 victory over the Washington Bullets.

The Magic is 2-0 going into a home game Tuesday night against the Hornets, and O'Neal is drawing raves.

"He showed he'll be a great player," said Pervis Ellison, the Bullets' center. "He has a combination of size, strength and agility."

O'Neal, the first pick in the 1992 NBA draft, spent most of the pre-season concentrating on his defense. But he is also a natural scorer, something that Matt Guokas, the Magic coach, is certain to rely on as the season progresses.

"Earlier this season, Coach sat me down and told me my role was to rebound, block shots or change the shot," O'Neal said. "He also told me to score around the basket."

The 7-foot, 1-inch (2.15-meter) O'Neal, after fouling out of his first game, came back with 16 points in the first half of Saturday's game.

He also made a lay-up with 2 minutes left that tied the score.

But if the weekend was promising for O'Neal, it was far less so for Christian Laettner, whose four years at Duke now seem a distant memory. One weekend into the season with the Minnesota Timberwolves, Laettner is 0-2.

"The good part of playing in the NBA is you get to play against great players," Laettner said after the Timberwolves' 121-119 overtime loss Saturday night to the Golden State Warriors. "The bad part is you lose more than you're used to."

Laettner, of course, will eventually grow accustomed to this. Minnesota, which had the worst record in the league last season, has shown little inclination to change its course. If it does, though, Laettner could be a factor. After scoring just 8 points in his debut Friday against the Boston Celtics, he recovered to finish with 26 on 11 of 17 shooting on Saturday. He also added 14 rebounds and 4 assists.

"You hate to see a game like that by a young player and lose," said Jimmy Rodgers, the Timberwolves' coach. "Not that it went to waste,

but you want to win. Christian's performance was a major step forward. The lineup we had late in the game functioned well together."

Laettner, chosen third in the draft by Minnesota, appeared to erase doubts that he could compete up front against some of the NBA's bigger players. After Saturday's game, team owner Harvey Ratner said of Laettner, "He's no Danny Ferry," a reference to the former Duke star who has been a bust so far in his pro career.

Other first-year players were less successful. Tom Gugliotta had 20 points, 6 rebounds and 7 assists in two games with the Bullets, but Lloyd Daniels, making his NBA debut after several years of personal troubles, had just 6 points in 24 minutes of two season-opening losses with the San Antonio Spurs.

The Bulls, meanwhile, dropped in their home opener Saturday, picking up their championship rings but then losing to the Atlanta Hawks, 100-99.

"Last year, we lost a couple of very ugly games at the beginning of the season," said the Bulls' coach, Phil Jackson. "This was definitely an opening-type of game. We have

a way to go in precision shooting and ball-handling skills."

Barkley remains one of a few holdover stars in a league that is now without Johnson or Bird. "I was a little nervous, because this was a very emotional game for me, for all of us," Barkley said of his first regular-season performance as a Sun.

Johnson, who announced his second retirement last week, sat in the crowd Friday night while his former team, the Los Angeles Lakers, beat the Clippers in overtime, 114-112.

"This is a new ball club," said James Worthy, who scored 24 for the Lakers. "We've got to create a new attitude and a new look. We've got to collectively come out and do the things we have to do, being scrappy and being heads up and sustaining that effort for 48 minutes."

The NBA also went to Japan for the second time in its history. In two games sold out days before, the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Houston Rockets twice in Yokohama, by 111-94 and 89-85.

The Super Rich in Sports



Michael Jordan will get \$36 million in 1992, with Evander Holyfield just a slip away at \$28 million.

Jordan Tops List of World's Highest Paid

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — Michael Jordan, the National Basketball Association's high-flying superstar, has ascended to the top of Forbes' "Super 40," the magazine's annual listing of the world's highest-paid athletes.

Jordan, 29, will earn nearly \$36 million in 1992, with just \$3.9 million coming from the Chicago Bulls, whom he has led to the NBA title each of the last two seasons. According to the magazine, the bulk of Jordan's earnings come from an endorsement contract with Nike, estimated at \$20 million annually. He also has deals with Wilson Sporting Goods, General Mills and McDonald's, among others.

Since the inception of the "Super 40" in 1990, Jordan has earned \$60 million. He was third last year, behind boxers Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson, who was first in 1990.

Jordan, the six-time NBA scoring champion, becomes the first non-boxer to occupy the top spot, unseating Holyfield, the undisputed heavyweight champion. Holyfield, who fights Riddick Bowe on Friday in Las Vegas, dropped to second this year. He will make \$28 million in 1992, all but \$1 million from fight purses.

Jordan is the only basketball player and one of only two team-sport members among the top 10 earners. The San Francisco 49ers' quarterback, Joe Montana, currently sidelined with an elbow injury, is seventh with \$9.5 million in 1992 earnings.

The rest of the top 10 is comprised of solo competitors in auto racing, golf and tennis. Holyfield is followed by Formula One drivers Ayrton Senna (\$22 million) and Nigel Mansell (\$14.5 million). Golfer Arnold Palmer is fifth with \$11.1 million, all but \$100,000 from endorsements.

Wimbledon winner Andre Agassi is sixth with \$9.5 million, followed by Montana and golfer Jack Nicklaus, who also earned nearly all of his \$9.2 million through endorsements. Jim Courier, winner of this year's French and Australian Opens, is ninth with \$9 million after not being among the "Super 40" last year.

Tennis star Monica Seles, the only woman in the top 10, is 10th with \$8.5 million. There are nine tennis players among the "Super 40," including the only three women on the list.

Skyrocketing salaries contrib-

ed to baseball players making up 25 percent of the list, with the New York Mets' outfielder, Bobby Bonilla, earning \$6.3 million, good for 25th. Nine of the 10 baseball players are newcomers to the list.

Four of the top 16 earners are Formula One drivers. Besides Senna and Mansell, Gerhard Berger is 12th with \$8 million and Riccardo Patrese is 16th with \$7.5 million.

Boning also has four representatives. Joining Holyfield were Larry Holmes, who is 11th with \$8.2 million, and George Foreman and Julio Cesar Chavez, tied for 19th with \$7 million. Holmes and Foreman have returned to the ring after long layoffs.

Besides Jordan, three other NBA players made the list. San Antonio center David Robinson is 22d with \$6.7 million, followed by Magic Johnson with \$6.5 million. Johnson, who has the HIV virus that causes AIDS, re-retired last Monday from the Los Angeles Lakers after other players expressed concern about health risks involving HIV-positive players.

The New York Knicks' center, Patrick Ewing, is 34th with \$5 million. All four basketball players on the list were members of the Dream

Team that won the gold medal in the Barcelona Olympics.

Four golfers join Palmer and Nicklaus on the list. Greg Norman is 18th with \$7.2 million, \$7 million of it in endorsements. PGA Tour money leader and Masters champion Fred Couples is 21st with \$7 million; British Open champion Nick Faldo is 27th with \$6 million; and Senior PGA Tour member Lee Trevino is 36th with \$5 million.

Besides Montana, the Miami Dolphins' quarterback, Dan Marino was the only football player on the list, placing 26th with \$6 million. Wayne Gretzky, the National Hockey League's all-time leading scorer and All-Star center of the Los Angeles Kings, remains the only hockey player on the list, at 15th with \$7.5 million.

The minimum annual income needed to make this year's list of best-paid athletes grew from \$3.9 million to \$4.6 million, knocking a few names off the list.

A few dropped off the list for other reasons.

Basketball legend Larry Bird retired, while teenage tennis prodigy Jennifer Capriati had a lackluster season last year. And Tyson, one of the highest-paid last year, is in jail on a rape conviction. (UPI/AP)

Golf Lands In Rough at IOC Meeting

Los Angeles Times Service
LOS ANGELES — Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, seemed pretty sure of himself two weeks ago, when he announced a proposal that, if approved by the International Olympic Committee, would include golf in the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Apparently, that was no more of an "if" in his mind than a short putt.

Another ACOG official, who did not want to be identified, said that Payne had been led to believe that the IOC would not object to golf if the organizing committee would reconsider its reservations about women's soccer. No sooner said than done, the official said.

But some IOC members were not aware of a deal, if indeed, there was one. Among them was Australia's Kevin Gosper, an influential vice-president who sometimes is believed to speak on controversial issues for the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Whether that was the case last week during an IOC executive board meeting in Acapulco, Mexico, is not known, but Gosper was adamant that golf should not be given favored status over other sports, such as women's soccer and triathlon, that have attempted to gain admittance to the Games through normal channels.

"I don't think golf needs the Olympics at this stage, and vice versa," he said. "In my opinion, the executive board should block it on principle."

The executive board stopped short of that, but it did declare that golf, like other Olympic wannabes, must appeal to the IOC's program commission before it can be considered.



Quebec goalie Stephane Fisat had a lot of company in the net as Calgary extend its unbeaten streak to five with a 5-5 tie.

Goulet Helps Blackhawks Cool Off Penguins

Though it came about five months too late, the Chicago Blackhawks have beaten the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Blackhawks, swept last spring in the Stanley Cup finals, fared better in their first meeting of the new season as Michel Goulet ended a four-week slump by scoring three times in a 7-2 victory Sunday night.

Mario Lemieux had a goal and an assist, both in the first period. But the Penguins got nothing over the last 40 minutes of their first visit to Chicago Stadium since a 6-5 victory on June 1 gave them their second straight Stanley Cup.

"It was good to have the feeling that we outworked them," said Goulet, who hadn't scored since Oct. 10. He moved into 14th

place on the all-time NHL list with 514 goals, passing Hall of Famer Gil Perreault.

The loss was the second in as many nights for the Penguins, who fell to 11-3-2. The Blackhawks are 5-1-2 in their last eight games.

NHL HIGHLIGHTS

and moved into first place in the Norris Division, one point ahead of Detroit.

The Blackhawks broke a 2-2 second-period tie when Stephane Matteau, cutting across the crease, beat Pittsburgh goaltender Tom Barrasso at 8:10. After the facoff, Jeremy Roenick took the puck, circled the Penguins' net and fed Mike Hudson, who scored at 8:21.

Barrasso, 10-0-2 in his first 12 games after winning the last 11 games of the playoffs, had been given a 2-1 first-period edge on Lemieux's NHL-leading 21st goal and Jaromir Jagr's eighth, assisted by Lemieux. Goulet tied it with his first goal.

"I knew I was going to lose a game eventually," Barrasso said.

In Daly City, California, Jari Kurri collected his 22d NHL hat trick en route to a six-point game and Luc Robitaille and Mike Donnelly also registered hat tricks as Los Angeles extend its winning streak to four games with an 11-4 rout of the San Jose Sharks. Kurri, with 508 goals, moved past former Montreal great Jean Beliveau into sole possession of 16th place on the all-time list.

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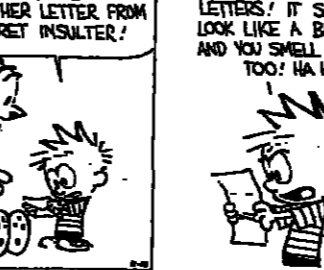
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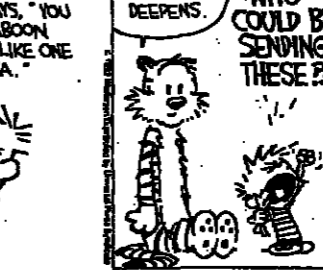
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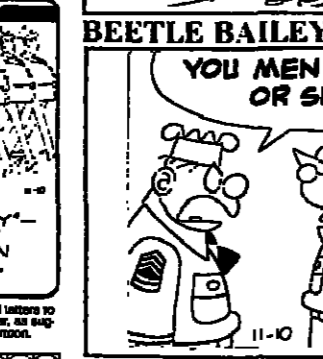
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SPORTS FOOTBALL



The Steelers' Barry Foster drew a crowd of Bills and gained 77 yards rushing, only the second time all season he'd been held under 100.

Steelers' Star End Is Suspended, Following a 28-20 Loss to Bills

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
The Pittsburgh Steelers in contention for their first division title since 1984, received a huge blow Monday when tight end Eric Green was suspended for six games for violating the National Football League's drug policy.

That followed by a day what was labeled an American Football Conference championship preview, in which the Pittsburgh Steelers, hoping to improve on last year's 52-34 loss in Buffalo, did improve but not enough to avoid a 28-20 loss to the Bills.

There was no immediate word on what drug test Green had failed, but a league spokesman, who did not want to be identified, said it was not for using steroids. Green's suspension means he cannot return until the final week of the regular season.

13 touchdown catches in 24 games in his first two NFL seasons after being the Steelers' first-round draft choice from Liberty University in 1990.

The drug-related suspension was the third in two seasons for the NFL ROUNDUP
Steelers, who had never had any until guard Terry Long and running back Tim Worley were suspended in 1991. They were the only NFL players suspended for drug violations last season.

Long flunked a steroids test, while Worley was suspended after twice failing tests for cocaine. He is sitting out this season after missing two mandatory drug tests last winter. Long is now out of football.

'But It Just Went Pop'

New York Times Service
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — Russell Warren, the Giants' orthopedist, said Lawrence Taylor's injury was the kind that happens to 45-year-old tennis players.

Broken Tendon Knocks Out L.T., 'Pretty Close to Superman'

By Dave Anderson
New York Times Service
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — Lawrence Taylor had swatted the pass into the air, but when he turned to look for the ball, pain seared his right heel. He toppled face down, screaming in frustration.

'You're the best, L.T.' some were saying. 'You always will be.'
He has been the best outside linebacker in National Football League history, arguably the best defensive player in its history, certainly one of the two best players in Giants history.

Rookie Bronco Nearly Got Busted

The Associated Press
Rookie Tommy Maddox, the Denver Broncos' quarterback of the future, narrowly avoided injury from an unusual source Sunday.

SEATTLE - Lou Piniella, who managed the Cincinnati Reds to a World Series championship two years ago, was hired Monday as manager of the Seattle Mariners.

Piniella Is Hired as Manager, Griffey as Coach of Mariners

The deal is for three years, with an option for a fourth. It is worth a total of about \$2.5 million, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Football, Basketball, and Hockey. It lists various sports teams and their scores from recent games.

Football NFL Standings

Table showing NFL Standings for the American Conference and National Conference, including teams like Buffalo, Atlanta, and Pittsburgh.

Basketball NBA Standings

Table showing NBA Standings for the Eastern Conference and Western Conference, including teams like New York, Orlando, and Chicago.

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ART BUCHWALD

The People's Columnist

WASHINGTON — Everyone in this country has been affected one way or another by Ross Perot. I must admit that he has made a lasting impression on me, particularly where this column is concerned. Let me tell you what I'm going to do for you in the next four years.



Buchwald

And speaking of the American dream, I promise you that I'll make sure that the Japanese or Germans don't take good newspaper space away from American columnists. O.K. As I said on my half-hour show on NBC last night and will say on CBS tonight, ABC tomorrow evening, PBS next week, the BBC on Sunday and Radio Free Albania on Inauguration Day, the other American columnists like Russell Baker and Bill Safire never cared about you.

New Poetry Prize Established in U.S.

WASHINGTON Post Service WASHINGTON — A new annual prize of \$50,000 has been announced for the year's best collection of poetry, whether published or still in manuscript. The Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award is named in honor of a certified public accountant and writer who died last year.

O.K. We're now in a two-minute drill and I'll be working for you, folks, to make this column an article of faith that will benefit all Americans. So tell me what you want me to write. You're the ones running America. This column belongs to you. I just hold it in trust.

A Voice of the Generation of '56

By Mark Kurlansky



Konrad: "People generally are afraid."

BUDAPEST — George Konrad likes to meet people on the top floor of the Budapest Hotel and stroll on the circular outdoor terrace of this grand cylindrical high-rise. All around is Budapest in the glory of autumn.

On the Buda side, the last southern hills of the Carpathians are in amber and coral foliage, and across the wide Danube, Pest marks the beginning of the great plains that once fed most of Europe. It feels like being at the center of the universe.

He learned more about this Russian habit later through a friend who roomed with Leonid I. Brezhnev when the Soviet prime minister was still a fairly minor official. This friend, who appears as a character in an earlier Konrad novel called "The Loser," told Konrad that at one point his roommate became noticeably grumpy and when asked why, Brezhnev replied, "You have this good drink and you put it on your face instead of sharing it with me."

hung on to my submachine gun and I didn't understand why the director was being so kind and promising me everything." These and other promises were unkept because the Red Army tanks once again rolled into Budapest. Most of his friends emigrated. But Konrad is first a writer, and his language is Hungarian. "I believed even prison would be a good school, so nothing could happen to me if I survived that would be bad for me as a writer. And I was not sure in a foreign country, in a foreign language, I could do something."

Since the fall of the Communist regime in 1989 he has had freedom to speak and write, but he has also seen disturbing reminders of his childhood. An important faction led by Istvan Curka, vice president of the Democratic Forum, the governing party, has been talking about the exclusive rights of "true Hungarians" to have a voice in the new Hungary.

Throughout his new novel there is the message that evil happens because people are afraid to act. "Under military guard, the Jews of Ujfalva struggled with their suitcases while the townspeople watched them from the sidewalks," he wrote of his community being deported to death camps in 1944. Of the benevolent dictatorship of the avuncular Communist Janos Kadar, he wrote, "It seems that people here, even when grown up, need a father to tell them what to do."

PEOPLE

Cher Sues for a Bluff

Cher vs. Malibu, and no one is bluffing: The singer and the new City of Malibu are going to court in their quarrel over some of California's most scenic — and most valuable — real estate. The singer has sued the city, formed in March 1991 when the rural but star-studded ranch and beach strip incorporated, over its rejection of a building permit for a two-story house, attached guest quarters, a gymnasium, tennis court, pool and five-car garage.

dump him for David Letterman if his ratings don't pick up, as The New Yorker magazine has reported. "Word of honor, it's not true," he said. "Yes, I feel like I have a sword hanging over my head, but I'm the one who's gone to NBC to say I'd quit if I began to do poorly, not the other way around. As for David Letterman breathing down my back, well, David is the best. We were friends going into the ring. I'd wait a month, call, and say, 'Hey, can I be a guest?' NBC confirmed Leno's version, calling the New Yorker report "nonsense." Leno said his ratings among the 18- to 30 age group were up about 10 percent.

November in Paris is book prize season: Patrick Chamoiseau, the French West Indian author born in Martinique, won the Goncourt prize, France's top literary award, for his novel "Texaco" while the Renaudot went to Françoise Weisberg for "La Dénouance du Boxeur" (Madness of The Boxer).

Rigoberta Menchu, winner of the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize, was cheered by Guatemalan compatriots and support groups in Montreal. "This is a new era for natives and a new era for Guatemala," she said. Her Nobel prize has drawn attention to Guatemala's 5 million indigenous people, who she says have been brutally targeted by the military and paramilitary forces. Menchu fled Guatemala in 1981 after her father, mother and brother were killed by security forces.

Donald Trump said a five-year extension he received on the mortgage for his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida is a sign of financial strength. "Only very strong people can get extensions on mortgages," he said. The developer worked out a payment plan with Boston Safe Deposit and Trust to repay \$495,000 in overdue interest on the mortgage for the 118-room estate.

Edie Murphy and Nicole Mitchell are the parents of a baby boy, named after the late Miles Davis. "Love's all right," Murphy said. He and Nicole plan a wedding in March. Their daughter, Brita, is 3 years old. In New York, Geraldine Rivera's wife, C. C. Dyer, gave birth to a daughter, Isabella Holmes.

Jay Leno, who replaced Johnny Carson as the "Tonight Show" host, denies that NBC is ready to

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Weather forecast section including maps for Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East, with temperature and precipitation data for various regions.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle section with clues for Across and Down words, and a solution to a puzzle from Nov. 9.

BOOKS

THE TALE OF THE BODY THIEF By Anne Rice. 430 pages. \$24. Knopf. Reviewed by Sarah Smith. A WAY from his Louisiana hamlets, the 200-year-old Vampire Lestat has come to the 20th century and to "Miami — city of vampires." His extraordinary powers confuse and frighten him.

By Robert Byrne BOBBY Fischer efficiently and successfully smashed his way to victory over Boris Spassky in Game 25 of their exhibition match in Belgrade. Fischer showed some of his old direct, logical grasp of attacking play in this game.

CHESS

with Black holding firm on three ranks and aiming for later operations on the semi-open c file, whether White castles queenside or not. The system of development Fischer used with 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Qd2 Be7 8 f3 is 9 0-0-0, though not new, has become popular in recent years.

Chess board diagram showing a game position with pieces labeled and a Sicilian Defense variation table.

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